Calling Data from M/s. Merind

3083. SHRI R. S. NAIK:
SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 668 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) when did Government call for the data from M/s. Merind and what is the response from the company;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company gave undertaking to Delhi High Court and maintained by Supreme Court;

(c) if so, what are the details of undertaking;

(d) whether Supreme Court gave direction to M/s. Merind to provide data within a stipulated period;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government reported to Supreme Court about failure on the part of M/s. Merind to provide data;

(g) if so, when and if not the reasons therefor;

(h) what did M/s. Merind filed petition against price fixation of Dexamethasone formulations and what was the price index for each formulation; and

(i) what is the name of producer on whose data the price of Betamethasone and its salts have been increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) For determining its liability for the period after 1.1.84, the Company was asked vide letter dated 25-10-90 to make available the requisite data which it has not made available so far.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) In terms of the undertaking given by the Company to Delhi High Court, as later on confirmed by the Supreme Court, the company was, *inter alia*, required to deposit the difference in the prices of the formulations in question for being ultimately deposited in the Drug Price Equalisation Account.

(d) to (g) In view of non-availability of complete data from the Company, its liability has been tentatively computed on the basis of data available with the Government, and communicated to it.

(h) and (i) The information will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as possible.

Final notice to the producer of Combiflam

3084. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 674 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th November, 1991 and state:

(a) when was final notice issued to the producer of Combiflam for deposit of overcharged amount of Rs. 7.11 crores assessed;

(b) when Government have given any time for deposit;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) when the assessment was completed and when the same was communicated to company;

(e) whether Government have sent any notice for interest on due amount;

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(g) what steps Government have taken to obtain details for the period January, 1989 to August, 1989; and

(h) what are the names of formulatiions for which the producer did not obtain price approval after crossing the sales turn over limit of Rupees fifty lacs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (f) The company has been issued final notice in October, 1991

for depositing the overcharged amount by 22-11-1991. The assessed overcharged amount includes interest also.

(g) The company has already been asked to do so without any further delay.

(h) As already answered in reply to parts (c) & (d) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Question No. 674 dated 28-11-1991, no other instance of violation has come to the notice of the Government

Principles adopted by BICP

3085. SHRI R. S. NAIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 672 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th Septembre, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have given up principles adopted by BICP allowing average hike in prices of raw materials at the time of cost-cum-technical study; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

TNE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (b) BICP, at the time of Cost-cum-Technical Study in respect of any bulk drug, takes into account the latest purchase invoices for raw-materials and utilities. BICP, in their report, also provide for an escalation formula to cover increase in input costs if any subsequent the report.

Irregularities and Corruption in Sindhri Unit of F.C.I.

3086. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether through a memorandum submitted in May, 1987 cases of gross irregularities, malpractices and corruption resulting in a loss to the tune of Rs. 2500 crores to the Sindhri Unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India has been brought to the notice of Government and certain documents to substantiate the allegations were also furnished;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry into the matter has been conducted in the matter;

(d) if so, the level at which the inquiry was held stating the terms of reference; and

(e) the outcome of the inquiry and the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government against those found involved in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) The Government is not aware of any irregularities, malpractices and corruption in the Sindhri Unit of FCI that have resulted in losses to the tune of Rs. 2500 crores. The Government is, however, prepared to investigate any specific case of irregularity that is brought to its notice.

Production of DAP

3087. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the capacity of production of Di Ammonia Phosphate (DAP) in the country; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that DAP can be produced at competitive prices in the country even after importing Phosphoric Acid;

(c) if so, how much production capacity is likely to be increased thereby; and

(d) what are the guidelines for issueing permission for such production activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) and (c) Government has identified a few projects for augmenting the capacity of Di Ammonium Phosphate